

# KSIS Notification: Special DAC E-Mail Cancelling EOC Online

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Dear KSIS contacts,

The email below was sent to all District Assessment Coordinators earlier this month. Please note that the final paragraph indicates that districts have 100% flexibility this year to decide whether or not to include the EOC assessment in the final grade.

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## **END-OF-COURSE (EOC) ONLINE TESTING CANCELLED IN KENTUCKY AND REPLACED WITH PAPER/PENCIL TESTS**

ACT, Inc. informed the Kentucky Department of Education (KDE) late Friday afternoon that the ACT/VANTAGE system has been suspended for Monday, May 6 due to technical issues. ACT is attempting to re-open the online system as soon as possible; however, KDE believes stabilization of the End of Course assessment program is now the priority. It requires Kentucky to move to 100% paper/pencil tests for all remaining EOC test administration in high schools in Kentucky.

Schools scheduled for online EOC testing must plan to administer a paper/pencil test. The paper/pencil tests will arrive in district offices by May 13. However, ACT is prioritizing the shipments based on each district's last instructional day and some districts may receive test materials earlier.

### **Paper/Pencil Test Books**

Pre-printed books will be supplied based on orders placed and roster entry in the online system, plus a 5% overage. If a district had not entered student names on the rosters in the Vantage system, then blank books will be sent for students to complete EOC testing.

Schools that have created rosters for testing windows with dates between April 15 and May 27 will receive paper test booklets. If you receive test booklets for students that have already completed EOC online testing, these unused materials must be returned to ACT.

**Test Administration**

Tests should be administered following standardized directions in the *Contract Room Supervisor's Manual* available at this link

<http://www.act.org/stateservices/kentucky/pdf/QC-KY-RoomSupervisorManual.pdf>.

**Shipping Directions**

Schools should follow directions on page 22 of the Test Supervisor's Manual to return paper/pencil test books and answer documents. Box 1 of the shipment contains return labels that can easily be reached for districts who do not utilize the paper materials at all.

**Local Grading**

Since paper/pencil tests slow down return of results to schools, local grading may be affected. Due to the circumstances, any KDE requirements for using the EOC as part of the final grade are optional. Districts have total flexibility to alter or enhance their requirements for a final grade. Some districts may supplement the EOC grades with a local teacher test while others may adjust the weights of the local grading scale. Many will be able to still use the EOC for the final grade. Local districts have 100% flexibility on how to deal with local grading.

KDE recognizes the continued frustration the EOC online testing system has caused for participating schools. Moving to a paper/pencil model provides stabilization for test schedules and test results. As schools implement this change, KDE will work with DACs to complete EOC testing and to study possible accountability impacts and policies. Thank you for your continued patience and work on these issues.

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